ST BERNARD COMPOSITES LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999



COMPANY INFORMATION

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 4 April 1999.

Principal activities and review of the business

The Company is principally engaged as specialists in advanced composite engineering.

The results for the period and the financial position at the period end were considered satisfactory by the Directors who expect continued growth in the foreseeable future.

Results and dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 4.

The Directors do not recommend payment of an ordinary dividend.

Year 2000

We have set up a committee to assess the risks to the business in detail. The committee has completed its risk assessment and has commenced with a programme of testing its systems, which is still in progress. We are considering not only our systems but also those of our major suppliers and customers, and believe that we should be fully compliant within the next two months.

Directors

The following Directors have held office since 6 April 1998:

C J B Wood	(Retired 2 April 1999)
J R G Wood	
J E Wood	(Retired 30 September 1998)
S C R Wood	
A L Webb	
S D Leed	(Resigned 9 April 1999)
D A Owen	
R Luscombe	(Appointed 5 October 1998)
R J Slatter	(Appointed 10 May 1999)

Directors' interests

The Directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the Company were as stated below:

	Ordinary sh	ares of £1 each
	4 April 1999	6 April 1998
J R G Wood	5,005	5,005
S C R Wood	5,005	5,005
A L Webb	-	-
S D Leed	-	-
D A Owen	-	<u>-</u>
R Luscombe	-	-

Taxation status

The Company was a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and this position has not changed since the end of the financial year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Fraser Russell be reappointed as auditors of the Company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board

P S Comley Secretary
21 July 1999

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ST BERNARD COMPOSITES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 19 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 2 the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 4 April 1999 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Fraser Russell

21 July 1999

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

Fairview House 71-73 Woodbridge Road Guildford Surrey GU1 4YZ

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

	Notes	Period ended 4 April 1999 £	Period ended 5 April 1998 £
Turnover	2	14,593,433	11,922,436
Change in stocks of finished goods		(40,155)	423,051
and in work in progress		14,553,278	12,345,487
Raw materials and consumables		(6,040,681)	(4,899,251)
Other external charges		(864,047)	(909,197)
		7,648,550	6,537,039
Staff costs		(5,354,262)	(4,525,085)
Depreciation		(377,463)	(310,377)
Other operating charges		(913,714)	(965,233)
Operating profit	3	1,003,111	736,344
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(438,890)	(316,608)
Profit on ordinary activities before			
taxation		564,221	419,736
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(192,343)	(97,247)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	15	371,878	322,489

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

	Period ended 4 April 1999 £	Period ended 5 April 1998 £
Profit for the financial period	371,878	322,489
Unrealised (deficit)/surplus on revaluation of properties	-	473,171
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period	371,878	795,660
Note of historical cost profits and losses		
	Period ended 4 April 1999 £	Period ended 5 April 1998 £
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	564,221	419,736
Difference between an historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge of the year calculated on the revalued amount	8,010	3,002
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	572,231	422,738
Historical cost profit for the period retained after taxation, extraordinary items and dividends	379,888	325,491

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 4 APRIL 1999

		1	1999	1	998
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		4,234,993		4,254,772
Investments	7		1,000		1,000
			4,235,993		4,255,772
Current assets					
Stocks	8	2,126,055		2,220,896	
Debtors	9	3,477,001		3,149,926	
Cash at bank and in hand		709		33,562 	
		5,603,765		5,404,384	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,489,486)		(4,425,448)	
Net current assets			1,114,279		978,936
Total assets less current liabilities			5,350,272		5,234,708
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(1,910,558)		(2,197,235
Provisions for liabilities and charges	12		(134,363)		(104,000)
			3,305,351		2,933,473
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		100,100		100,100
Revaluation reserve	15		801,330		809,340
Profit and loss account	15		2,403,921		2,024,033
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	16		3,305,351		2,933,473

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 21 July 1999

J R G Wood

Director

R J Slatter Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

		Period ended 4 April 1999 £		Period ended 5 April 1998 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities)S	1,194,789		(233,048)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest paid	(438,890)		(316,608)	
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		(438,890)		(316,608)
Taxation		(51,980)		(87,784)
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible assets Receipts from sales of tangible assets	(199,260) 9,376		(1,761,117) 8,012	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure Net cash inflow/(outflow) before management of liquid resources and financing		514,035		(2,390,545)
Financing Issue of ordinary share capital New long term bank loan Other new short term loans Repayment of long term bank loan Repayment of other short term loans Capital element of hire purchase contracts	- (86,258) (399,397) (301,730)		100 1,200,000 1,560,246 (56,407) - (278,962)	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing		(787,385)		2,424,977
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period		(273,350)		34,432

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

1	Reconciliation of operating profit to r operating activities	net cash inflow/(outf	low) from	1999	1998
				£	£
	Operating profit			1,003,111	736,344
	Depreciation of tangible assets			377,463	310,377
	Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible asse	ets		660	(2,021)
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks			94,841	(685,076)
	Increase in debtors			(327,075)	(876,227)
	Increase in creditors within one year			45,789	283,555
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operat	ing activities		1,194,789	(233,048)
2	Analysis of net debt	6 April 1998	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes	4 April 1999
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:		/aa		-0-
	Cash at bank and in hand	33,562	(32,853)		709
	Bank overdrafts	(312,356)	(240,497)		(552,853)
		(278,794)	(273,350)		(552,144)
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	Debt: Finance leases	(963,984)	301,730	(168,460)	(830,714)
	Debts falling due within one year	(1,661,240)	384,837	-	(1,276,403)
	Debts falling due after one year	(1,520,857)	100,818	-	(1,420,039)
		(4,146,081)	787,385	(168,460)	(3,527,156)
	Net debt	(4,424,875)	514,035	(168,460)	(4,079,300)
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to mov	vement in net debt		1999	1998
				£	£
	(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period Cash outflow/(inflow) from decrease/(increase)		se financing	(273,350) 787,385	34,432 (2,424,877)
	Change in net debt resulting from cash fle	ows		514,035 (168,460)	(2,390,445) (426,789)
	Movement in net debt in the period			345,575	(2,817,234)
	Opening net debt			(4,424,875)	(1,607,641)
	Closing net debt			(4,079,300)	(4,424,875)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of freehold land and buildings.

1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold Land & Buildings 2.5% straight line
Leasehold Land & Buildings 2.5% straight line
Plant and Machinery 12.5% straight line
Fixtures and fittings 10% straight line
Motor vehicles 25% straight line

The part of the annual depreciation charge on revalued assets which relates to the revaluation surplus is transferred from the revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account.

No depreciation is provided in respect of freehold land.

1.5 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.7 Stock and work in progress

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.8 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the Company during the period in accordance with SSAP 24.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

1.9 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the Directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

1.10 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

2 Turnover

Geographical market

		Turnover	
		1999	1998
		£	£
	United Kingdom	9,374,670	9,411,025
	Overseas	5,218,763	2,511,411
		14,593,433	11,922,436
3	Operating profit	1999	1998
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	377,463	310,377
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	660	(2,021)
	Directors' emoluments	429, 162	461,449
	Auditors' remuneration	13,500	12,500
	Operating lease rentals - other operating leases	51,500	27,730 ———
4	Interest payable	1999	1998
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	63,265	46,636
	On loans repayable after 5 years	122,823	91,737
	Hire purchase interest	74,164	85,997
	Interest on other finance	178,638	92,238
		438,890	316,608

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

5	Taxation	1999	1998
	Taxation	£	£
	U.K. current year taxation		
	U.K. corporation tax at 28% (1998 - 31%)	172,000	62,000
	Deferred taxation	1,039	39,500
		173,039	101,500
	Prior years		
	U.K. corporation tax - over provided	(10,020)	(4,253)
	Deferred taxation - change in tax rate	29,324	-
		192,343	97,247

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

6	Tangible fixed assets						
		Freehold Land & Buildings	Leasehold Land & Buildings	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Cost or valuation						
	At 6 April 1998	1,075,000	1,650,000	1,922,656	443,151	226,349	5,317,156
	Additions	~	-	221,830	116,883	29,007	367,720
	Disposals			_		(38,391)	(38,391)
	At 4 April 1999	1,075,000	1,650,000	2,144,486	560,034	216,965	5,646,485
	Depreciation					 	
	At 6 April 1998	<u>.</u>	-	743,344	181,840	137,200	1,062,384
	On disposals	-	-	-	=	(28,355)	(28,355)
	Charge for the period	12,750	41,250	206,990	77,723	38,750	377,463
	At 4 April 1999	12,750	41,250	950,334	259,563	147,595	1,411,492
	Net book value						
	At 4 April 1999	1,062,250	1,608,750	1,194,152	300,471	69,370	4,234,993
	At 5 April 1998	1,075,000	1,650,000	1,179,312	261,311	89,149	4,254,772

The freehold and leasehold land and buildings were valued on an open market basis with existing use in February 1998 at £1,075,000 and £1,650,000 respectively.

Comparable historical cost for the land and buildings included at valuation:

·	£
Cost	
Historical cost at 6 April 1998 and at 4 April 1999	2,061,119
Depreciation based on cost	
At 6 April 1998	111,860
Charge for the period	45,990
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At 4 April 1999	157,850
Net book values	
At 4 April 1999	1,903,269
At 5 April 1998	1,949,259
	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

			Plant and Machinery £
Net book values			
At 4 April 1999			1,072,802
At 5 April 1998			1,147,468
Depreciation charge for the period 4 April 1999			194,043
47.000			
5 April 1998			179,862
Fixed asset investments			
		iı	Unlisted ovestments £
Cost or valuation At 6 April 1998 & at 4 April 1999			1,000
Holdings of more than 20% The Company holds more than 20% of the	e share capital of the following o	companies:	
Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Shares h	eld %
Subsidiary undertakings	sorporation		76
Precision Composite Structures Ltd	England	Ordinary	100
The aggregate amount of capital and rese financial year were as follows:	erves and the results of these ur	ndertakings for the l	ast relevant
		Capital and P	rofit for the
Provide Community Community		reserves	year
Precision Composite Structures Ltd		315	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

8	Stocks and work in progress	1999 £	1998 £
	Raw materials and consumables	774,627	821,542
	Work in progress	1,351,428	1,399,354
		2,126,055	2,220,896
9	Debtors	1999 £	1998 £
	Trade debtors	3,325,875	3,007,504
	Other debtors	10,321	24,963
	Prepayments and accrued income	140,805	117,459
		3,477,001	3,149,926
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1999 £	1998 £
10		£	£
10	Bank loans and overdrafts	£ 668,407	£ 413,350
10		£ 668,407 340,195	£ 413,350 287,606
10	Bank loans and overdrafts Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	£ 668,407	£ 413,350
10	Bank loans and overdrafts Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors	£ 668,407 340,195 1,608,859	£ 413,350 287,606 1,661,290
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10	Bank loans and overdrafts Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Other finance Corporation tax	£ 668,407 340,195 1,608,859 1,160,849 172,000	413,350 287,606 1,661,290 1,560,246 62,000
10	Bank loans and overdrafts Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Other finance Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs	£ 668,407 340,195 1,608,859 1,160,849 172,000 257,855	413,350 287,606 1,661,290 1,560,246 62,000 212,205
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10	Bank loans and overdrafts Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Other finance Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Other creditors	668,407 340,195 1,608,859 1,160,849 172,000 257,855 169,354 111,967	413,350 287,606 1,661,290 1,560,246 62,000 212,205 119,335 109,416

The bank overdraft is secured by a legal charge over freehold property.

Other finance is secured by way of a debenture over certain trade debtors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	1999 £	1998 £
Bank loans Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	1,420,039 490,519	1,520,857 676,378
	1,910,558	2,197,235
Analysis of loans		
Not wholly repayable within five years by instalments:		
Bank loan repayable in monthly instalments by 2007	715,194	769,458
Bank loan repayable in monthly installments by 2014	455,359	467,353
Not wholly repayable within five years other than by instalments:		
Bank loan repayable by 2007	365,040	385,040
	1,535,593	1,621,851
Included in current liabilities	(115,554)	(100,994)
	1,420,039	1,520,857
		·
Loan maturity analysis		
Between one and two years	122,264	107,180
Between two and five years	406,484	763,626
In five years or more	891,291 ———	650,051 ————
The loans are secured by a fixed charge over freehold and leasehold prop	erty.	
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		
Repayable within one year	353,032	356,519
Repayable between one and five years	587,056	750,053
Repayable after five years	-	16,115
	940.088	1.122.687
Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods	940,088 (109,374)	1,122,687 (158,703)
Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods	(109,374)	(158,703)
Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods Included in liabilities falling due within one year		
	(109,374) 	(158,703) ————————————————————————————————————

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12	Provisions for liabilities and charges	
		Deferred taxation £
	Balance at 6 April 1998	104,000
	Profit and loss account	30,363

134,363

Deferred tax is provided at 27% (1998 - 21%) analysed over the following timing differences:

	Fu	lly provided
	1999	1998
	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	140,765	104,000
Other timing differences	(6,402)	-
	134,363	104,000

13 Pension costs

Balance at 4 April 1999

The Company contibutes to personal pension plans for certain employees. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company and amounted to £102,461 (1998 - £161,427) of which £23,711 (1998 - £NIL) was paid by 27 April 1999 and was therefore included in creditors.

14	Share capital	1999 £	1998 £
	Authorised 100,100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,100	100,100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 100,100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,100	100,100

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

15 Statement of movements on reserves

	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	
	£	£	
Balance at 6 April 1998	809,340	2,024,033	
Retained profit for the period	-	371,878	
Transfer from revaluation reserve to profit and loss account	(8,010)	8,010	
Balance at 4 April 1999	801,330	2,403,921	

The freehold and leasehold land and buildings were valued on an open market basis by a firm of independent Chartered Surveyors.

If these properties were sold for their revalued amounts it would be necessary to replace them with similar property, and rollover relief against tax on the gain would be available. Accordingly, no timing differences arise and no provision has been made for deferred tax in respect of the revaluation.

16	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	1999	1998
		£	£
	Profit for the financial period	371,878	322,489
	Other recognised gains and losses	-	473,171
	Proceeds from issue of shares	-	100
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	371,878	795,760
	Opening shareholders' funds	2,933,473	2,137,713
	Closing shareholders' funds	3,305,351	2,933,473

17 Financial commitments

At 4 April 1999 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and 1999 £	d buildings
	1999	1998
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	11,100	9,500
Between two and five years	42,000	42,000
	53,100	51,500

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18	Directors' emoluments	1999 £	1998 £
	Remuneration	417,152	334,589
	Payment in lieu of notice Pension contributions	49,859	39,500 118,989
		467,011	493,078
	The number of Directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing amounted to 6 (1998 - 5).		
	Emoluments disclosed above include the following amounts paid to the highest paid Director:		
	Emoluments for qualifying services	70,188	63,279
19	Employees		
	Number of employees The average monthly number of employees (including Directors) during the period was:	1999	1998
		Number	Number
	Direct production staff	162	135
	Selling and distribution Other support staff	2 85	2 85
		249	222
	Employment costs	£	£
	Wages and salaries	4,772,024 439,015	3,953,096
	Social security costs Other pension costs	439,015 102,461	370,848 161,427
	Other employment costs	40,762	39,714

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 1999

20 Control

The ultimate controlling party is C J B Wood who was the former Chairman of the Company until his retirement on 2 April 1999.